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Henderson United Methodist Church  
Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday  
March 29, 2015 9:30 AM

GATHERING SONG: "Rejoice The Lord Is King" Hymnal # 715  
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRELUDE ( verse ONE only )

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

L: Joyous, enthusiastic !

**P: We join the crowds who welcomed Jesus.**

L: Supportive, friendly, encouraging !

**P: We join the disciples who came with Jesus.**

L: Wondering, reflective, in awe !

**P: We look towards the cross-hill of the city.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 261 "Lord of the Dance"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*O Lord, creator and ruler of the universe, our burdens are many, for we fail to accept You as king of our lives. Where once You wept over Jerusalem for her blindness, we now weep over our own cities for their corruption, their injustice, their afflictions. Would that even today we knew the things that make for peace ! But they are hidden from our eyes and our hearts because we are unwilling to bear the cost. When the way becomes difficult, we doubt You. When we face difficult decisions, we often turn away from Your truth. Forgive us, we pray, O Lord, and grant us grace in our doubts and indecision to greet You as the King of Kings. Help us to celebrate Your triumph with rejoicing as we labor for Your kingdom. In the name of the King of Kings we humbly pray. Amen.*

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

Children will distribute palms to congregation as everyone sings  
HYMN # 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Children will parade around sanctuary while we wave our palms  
and sing HYMN # 280 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) Hymnal: page # 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Zechariah 9: verse 9  
GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21: 1—11

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God !**

SERMON "Extravagant Worship" Rev. Alice Jean Parker

SHARING OUR PRAISES AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY # 95

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASSION SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 27: 27 - 43

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION # 664 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*DISMISSAL # 2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (all 3 verses)  
\*PASSING OF THE PEACE The Faith We Sing

Special thanks to retired pastor, Rev. Alice Jean Parker (Pastor Ray's sister from Franklin) for preaching today while Pastor Ray is recuperating from ablation and laser procedure he had on Friday.

Wed., April 1st ~ 9 AM Food Pantry Pick up at Second Harvest  
Noon til 2 PM Distribute Food ~ Volunteers needed

*Bible Study Schedule:*

Next session # 7 will be held on Monday, April 6 at 7 PM and on Tuesday, April 7 at 10 AM with theme of Judgmentalism and Sins of the Tongue . Final Session # 8 on Mon., Apr. 13 at 7 PM & Tues., Apr.14 at 10 AM on Lack of self-control, envy, and jealousy

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 2nd hosted by Simpson Cascade UMC at 2113 Sassafras Street, Erie  
Will present a Reader's Theatre titled "The Invitation" with Holy Communion afterwards.

Good Friday Service at 7 PM hosted by Glenwood UMC on Myrtle St.

Saturday, April 4th ~ Nurture Committee meets at 10 AM in  
Ministry Building

EASTER SUNDAY worship at 9:30 AM  
Easter egg hunt for children after worship service.